(c) An amount of Rs. 157.45 crores has been spent till March, 1987.

(d) Government does not propose to expand the capacity of this plant.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Foreign exchange racket involving compensatory payments

567. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in "The Times of India" dated the June 30, 1987 wherein it has been stated that a major foreign exchange racket involving compensatory payments to the tune of Rs 30 crores in violation of the FERA has been busted in Bombay;

(b) if so, the details therein;

(c) whether any inquiry has since been made; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken against the persons found responsible in running the racket?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) 20 premises were searched in Bombay on 27th June, 1987 in an operation code named 'RAHU' organised and supervised by the Central Economic Intelligence Bureau As a result of the searches several incriminating documents evidencing Hawala payments in violation of FERA to the tune of about Rs. 30 crores, Indian currency amounting to Rs. 15,39,100 believed to be proceeds compensatory payments and foreign currency worth Rs. 1,100 were seized.

(d) After the conclusion of investigations conducted by the Enforcement Directorate, appropriate, action (s) as under the law will be taken against persons involved.

Heroin seized in Jodhpur

568. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one quintal of heroin worth Rs. 25 crores has been seized near Jodhpur in third week of June, 1987;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any action is being contemplated by Government in this regard and if so, whether any arrests have so far been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) On 10/11.6.1987, the Rajasthan State Police intercepted a truck at Jodhpur and seized 198.975 kgs. of heroin of Pakistani origin. In follow-up action on 14.6.1987, a further quantity of 91.270 kgs. of heroin was seized from the village Bangasar in Bikaner district. The truck driver and an associate had been arrested for appropriate action under the law.

Investigations in the case are under progress. No precise value of the drugs seized can be determined as it is dependent on various factors like the purity of drug, source of origin, etc.

Mishaps in Talcher Heavy Water Plant

569. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be

pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been continuous mishaps in Talecher Heavy Water Plant during the past three years;

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss in each mishap.

(c) whether any inquiry has since been conducted into each case; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government thereon and what steps are being contemplated by Government to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) In the past three years there has been one major mishap when a fire took place on 29th April, 1986. There was also a minor mishap on 1st September, 1985.

(b) The cost of revamping the plant was Rs. 30 lakhs, as a result of the major mishap. The minor mishap did not require revamping.

(c) A Committee, appointed by Chairman, AEC, has inquired into the accident. Measures recommended by this Committee to avoid such accidents have been carried out.

Deployment of nuclear missiles by China aiming against India

570. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI KESHAVPRASAD SHUKLA:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the 'Statesman' of 14th July, 1987 to the effect that China has deployed about 90 nuclear missiles aimed at India, including a force of 70 medium-range and 20 intermediate range missiles based in the north of Lhasa at Nagchuka;

(b) whether it is also a fact that China has developed 16 radar centres, 14 air strips, has constructed underground basis in the Tibetan territory adjacent to the Indian border and is concentrating a large number of weapons and personnel; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard, the implications of such a military build-up and steps taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) Government have seen recent press reports about Chinese depolyment of missiles and military build-up in Tibet. However, a spokesman of the Chinese Foreign office has denied the press reports regarding deployment of missiles in Tibet against India.

All developments having a bearing on our security are constantly reviewed and effective steps taken to meet the emerging situation.

Waiving of rural loans by Haryana Government

571. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: